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Subject: Comment letter - Urban Water Use Target Technical Methodologies
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Hi Peter,

Attached is a comment letter from the Gateway Authority regarding the Urban Water Use Target Methodologies.

Best regards,
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On behalf of the Gateway Authority

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Subject: Support for Draft SBx7-7 Implementing document "Urban Water Use Target Technical Methodologies," dated July 12, 2010

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced document. I also appreciated the thoroughness of the information presented at the workshop in Los Angeles.

The Gateway Authority (Los Angeles Gateway Region IRWM JPA) understands how critical it is for everyone to take part in water conservation practices and behaviors. Given that it is so important, the input provided by the Urban Stakeholder Committee was critical. DWR is to be commended for forming a USC which was so highly representative of a diversity of stakeholders. DWR is to be further commended for breaking down this complex task into a consensus-based, decision-making process that executed an excellent product.

We believe that this Draft Plan contains technical methodologies and criteria that will help us reach our goal of reducing the state's use of water by twenty percent. We especially support Methodology 9: Regional Compliance, i.e., an agency can comply individually and can participate in ONE Regional Alliance. The membership of the Gateway Authority has a history of working closely together; our boundaries seem to dissolve for the greater good. Many of our cities are disadvantaged. To be able to comply on a regional basis makes the best use of the Gateway Cities limited resources.

Sincerely,



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